

**REMARKS**

Claims 15-42 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 15, 20, 28, 29, 34 and 42 are amended for clarification. No new matter is added. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

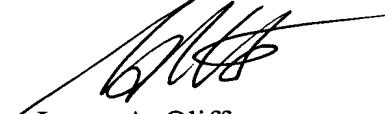
The courtesies extended to Applicant's representative by Examiners Santiago and Zimmerman at the interview held June 19, are appreciated. The substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

During the interview, the Examiners agreed that the claims as amended by the June 22, 2006 Amendment overcame the current rejections, but suggested further amendments to increase the clarity of the independent claims. Accordingly, this Amendment amends the independent claims as suggested by the Examiners.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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